Indo-US relations

1620. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleaesd be state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Business and Political Observer of 5th February, 1992 under the heading 'Indo-US Relations at cross roads';

(b) If so. the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government accord high priority to the continued expansion and diversification of relations between India and the USA.

South-South Solidarity, New Delhi

1621. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to 'South Link' December, 1991 issue brought out by South-South Solidarity, New Delhi pleading for acceptance of a New International Environmental Order as proposed by U.N.C.E.D; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has noted the contents of the "South Link" editorial under reference.

German Investment in India

1622. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Germany there was an assurance that Germany would make fresh investments in India for various projects;

(b) if so, what is the number of projects that have been identified for investment by Germany; and

(c) what is the total quantum of investment which they are going to make in India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) India's new economic policies have generated considerable interest worldwide, including in Germany. Following the Prime Minister's visit a number of German businessmen and industrialists have visited India to obtain a first hand understanding of the investment environment in India and to interact with Indian businessmen on investment possibilities. Full figures regarding the number of proposals and quantum of investment are not available as the discussions generated are continuing.

Nuclear programme of Pakistan

1623. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Pak admits it can assemble N-bomb" appearing in the Times of India dated 8th February, 1992; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.